

Presbyterianism In General Session.

Some of the Issues to Be Decided at Next Week's Meeting at Winona Park.

The 109th general assembly of the Presbyterian church, which will meet on May 29 at Winona Park, on Eagle Lake, near Warsaw, Ind., will, says the Times-Herald, be in many respects the greatest ever held in the history of the

the country paid their money for home missionary work into a general treasury in New York, from which each state afterward drew the amount allotted for its own missionary work. The state of Indiana required more money than it paid into this general treasury, so that state decided to try the plan of taking care of its mission work entirely independent of the national treasury. Five years ago it began this new system. The home mission work for the state was paid for by funds from within the state, and it was at once found that more money for home mission work was raised than was necessary for the missions, leaving a substantial surplus. This surplus was sufficient to recommend the advantage of the system, which was consequently continued.

STATS OF CHURCH TRUSTEE. A matter which will excite considerable interest and discussion is the question of the status of the church trustee. A committee will report as to whether the trustee should be an ordained deacon of the church, or should



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church. It is expected that there will be 5,000 ministers and lay members of the church present, a larger attendance than at any previous meeting. Six hundred official commissioners will be present from the various presbyteries, the number being equally divided between ministers and laymen. Every section of the United States, as well as the foreign missions under the jurisdiction of the Presbyterian church, will be represented. The assembly will continue in session until May 31.

A friendly contest for the moderatorship has already begun. No lay member of the church has ever occupied the chair of the presiding officer at the annual convention, but at the coming meeting this precedent may be broken. Many of the commissioners favor the election of a layman as mod-



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be a man entirely independent of church connections. The feelings of some ministers are very strong on this subject, as they deem it preposterous to make a man a trustee who does not belong to the Presbyterian church. Those who support the reverse view cite in support of their position the fact that a man who is not an Episcopalian can be a trustee of an Episcopalian church. There will also be a report from a committee as to the control of theological seminaries by the general assembly.

Should the question of establishing a young people's religious league arise, which seems rather unlikely, it will be one of the most interesting and important features of the assembly deliberations. A year ago the assembly considered the establishment of a society for young people, to be called the Westminster league. After thoroughly



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crator. Four candidates have been prominently mentioned for the office. The two laymen suggested are ex-President Harrison and John Wanamaker of Philadelphia. Dr. Henry C. Minton, of San Anselmo, Cal., and Dr. Sheldon Jackson, commissioner for the church in our far-away territory. It was Dr. Jackson who introduced reindeer in Alaska from Lapland for the purpose of solving the food problem, and it is said there is every prospect of its proving a success.

After the election of moderator a number of other interesting and important questions will come before the assembly. Among the first will be the report of a committee which is quite noteworthy for the prominence of its members. This committee is to recommend that disposition shall be made of the great mission building in New



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canvassing the situation, however, it was decided that there should be no Westminster league and no independent young people's association, but that instead the young people should join forces with the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor. Home and foreign missions will in the main overshadow all other subjects. During the past year there has been a tremendous decrease in the number of the Home Mission board, and it is probable the policy of sending out more men to foreign missions will be adopted.

Advices received at Winona indicate that there will be a great convocation of Presbyterians on the banks of Eagle Lake. Among the many Presbyterians of national prominence who will attend are ex-President Harrison, John Wanamaker, Stated Clerk and Treasurer of the General Assembly Rev. William H.



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York, built by the church two or three years ago. The committee is composed of Moderator Rev. John L. Withrow, chairman; ex-President Harrison; John M. Harlan, of the supreme bench of the United States; James A. Beaver, ex-governor of Pennsylvania; Thomas Bwing, Samuel B. Huey, Thomas McDougall, H. B. Stillman, Alexander McDonald and Robert S. Williams. The building was built by the Home and Foreign Missionary society, and it has not been making money. It was consequently suggested that it be sold. It is predicted that in view of the hard times and low value of property, the committee will report adversely on the proposition to sell the building.

HOME MISSION WORK. The next question of importance will be the report on home mission work



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Roberts, D. D. LL. D., of Philadelphia; Permanent Clerk of the General Assembly Rev. William Moore, D. D. LL. D., of Columbus, Ohio; Rev. James A. Worden, superintendent of the Sabbath school and missionary work, Philadelphia; Rev. John Hall, president of the Board of Home Missions, New York; Rev. William C. Roberts, secretary of the Board of Home Missions, New York; Rev. Elijah R. Craven, D. D. LL. D., of Philadelphia, and Rev. George W. Birch, D. D. LL. D., New York.

Among the interesting statistics regarding church work under the supervision of the Presbyterians of the United States are the following: Total number of presbyteries, 224; total number of ministers, 6,942; total number of churches, 7,573; total membership of the church, 943,716; total Sunday school membership, 1,006,321.

WINONA. Winona is completely in the hands of the Presbyterian church, and under its care and patronage it has developed into a veritable western Chautauqua. There is no other assembly in the west that approaches it in beauty and size, and a great future is prophesied for it. Winona is on the banks of Eagle Lake, a beautiful body of water about two miles southeast of the little city of Warsaw in Kosciusko county, Indiana. Warsaw is situated a little south of east from Chicago on the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago railroad, be-



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by a committee appointed at the last assembly to consider what is known as the Indiana mission plan. Five years ago the Indiana branch of the Presbyterian church established an innovation in the home mission work which has proved an unqualified success. Two years ago the plan was adopted by Illinois and one year ago by Ohio. The assembly will consider the advisability of the adoption of the Indiana plan by all the other synods of the church. The Indiana plan may be briefly explained as follows: Previous to its adoption by the Hoosier state all of the states in

twenty-seven and one hundred miles from the city. Twelve years ago the beautiful spot was comparatively unknown, except by the citizens of Warsaw and the immediately surrounding country. At that time a little hut was the only sign of habitation on the banks of the lake. Since then more than \$200,000 has been expended in beautifying the park. Canals have been cut along the edge of the lake, flower gardens have been laid out, hotels and many cottages have been built, and the park has been transformed into one of the most beautiful grounds in the en-



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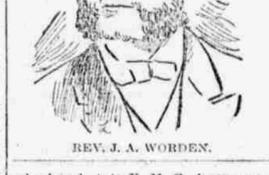
vironment. The lake is three miles long and two miles wide, and upon it are numbers of steamboats, yachts and rowboats. A new hotel has recently been built to especially accommodate delegates to the general assembly, and a woman's buildings has also been constructed. In the latter building the woman's home and foreign missionary board will hold their annual meeting while the general assembly is in progress.

During the entire summer, beginning with the general assembly, Winona Park will be in constant use by various associations, schools and clubs, until the first of December. A partial list of these and the dates is as follows: The Federation of the Literary clubs of Indiana will meet June 5; on 15 to 17 Indiana Sunday school convention; June 21, humane day; June 23 to July 5, Western Association of Writers; July 15 to August 11, Winona assembly program; July 19 to August 13, Winona summer school; July 20, state W. C. T. U. conference; August 15 to 25, Bible

school and state Y. M. C. A. encampment; August 26 to 29, convention of Indiana Christian Endeavor Union. The Winona summer school will be under the direction of Professor John M. Coulter, University of Chicago. The work will be divided into five departments as follows: College department, methods department, music department, art department and physical culture department. For these various departments excellent instructors have been secured from various parts of the country, and the indications are that the school will be larger and more successful this year than ever before.

WHY THEY MEET AT WINONA. An interesting story is told of the selection of Winona as the meeting place for the general assembly this year. When the time came for the selection of the location, among the various places presented for consideration was Winona Park, Indiana. Nearly every one said, "Where's Winona, and what is it?" Few having heard of it before. Consequently it was an uphill fight for Rev. Sol C. Dickey of Indianapolis, who had the rashness and audacity to suggest the Eagle Lake resort. But the reverend gentleman, who is secretary and general manager of the assembly grounds, buckled on his armor and entered the fray with all the assistance he could muster. After a hard fight he succeeded in landing Winona a winner at a meeting place for the assembly of 1897.

The lake and its beautiful surroundings make one of the most beautiful and picturesque summer resorts in the part of the country. On one side of the lake are high bluffs, dotted with handsome cottages overlooking the water. There is every facility for recreation in the way of boating, oating, fishing and all kinds of athletic and gymnastic sports. Beautiful groves over the rolling grounds adjacent to the water and there are a number of books and springs flowing into the lake. Underneath the educational work and even the recreation itself at Winona will be the prevailing spirit of religion, and with the close of the general assembly the future of the park will be assured as the great national resort for Presbyterian educational work a recreation.



REV. J. A. WORDEN.

PLATT GOT THE PEN. The Washington correspondent of the Buffalo News writes on his paper: "One of the best fellows on earth without any possible doubt is Charles S. Francis, the junior proprietor of the Troy Times. Mr. Francis was in Washington this week and called on President McKinley. Ever since the editor always has a hobby that is to say he is always head over heels in love with some particular idea or project, and when he is interested in anything he is interested to a degree of marvelous intensity. Ever since the Republican State convention at Saratoga last September Mr. Francis' hob-

by has been Gov. Frank S. Black. And just here it may be observed that Charles S. Francis and his bustling paper made Frank Black governor of the state of New York. There has been a great deal of talk about what Lou Payne did for Frank Black, but the truth were told Charles S. Francis and the Troy Times did more toward making Frank Black governor of New York than Lou Payne had the power to do. The only difference between Francis and Payne is this: What Francis did for Black he did from the goodness of his big heart, and what Payne did for him was for revenue only—and he got his revenue in being made state superintendent of insurance.

"But to get back to Mr. Francis' visit with the president. No sooner was the handshaking over than he began to tell the president what a wonderful governor Frank Black was making. 'He's the heaven of the loaf and the salt of the earth,' he said. 'If you had the backbone of any governor New York state ever had, said he.

"Will he sign the Greater New York Charter bill?" said the president. "Ah, indeed he will," replied Mr. Francis. "Mr. President, I'll tell you what I'll do. I'll sign you the pen with which he signed it."

"The president thanked his visitor very cordially for his proffered favor, but what was the president's surprise the third day after, when Senator Platt came in to see him and exhibited the very pen with which Governor Black had signed the bill. The rental editor of the Troy Times will have to square himself with President McKinley in some way or he'll get the frosty once the next time he visits the White House."

SPONGES TO BE RAISED. Also Oysters and Lobsters at a Novel Massachusetts Hatchery.

A Provincetown business, which to the Sun says: Oyster, sponge and lobster raising will be begun here in a few days by persons who have bought a large tract of land for the purpose. The company has been formed by well-known residents of this state, who await with interest the first crop. If satisfactory results are obtained, more money will be invested in the enterprise.

The business of breeding oysters and lobsters differs here from that at most other breeding spots on the local coast, generating and propagating places will be entirely landlocked. At the eastern limit of this township is East Harbor, a wide and shallow pond, one mile and three-quarters long and about half a mile wide, which will become the principal breeding spot. The pond waters have become almost fresh since the separation of sea and harbor, and it is the purpose of the breeders to let in sea water only an occasional demand.

The leading man of the company is William Hatch, a young Englishman, who has made the subject of fishes, mollusks, sea plants, and fish food his life study. Not only native or domestic, but imported oysters will be propagated at the hatchery. Each kind will be kept in its special quarters. An electrical plant will be used in connection with the other machinery. One hundred men are expected to be employed on the grounds before next autumn, and this number will probably be increased largely in 1898. The work of building the first breeding house and a cottage for the superintendent and assistants has begun.

POINTS ABOUT FLAGS. The Two-Starred Flag on Governor's Island Tug-The Jack on Warships.

The president of the United States has his very gorgeous flag; the secretary of the navy and the assistant secretary have their flags; admirals have theirs, and so do commodores; but it isn't known very widely, perhaps, that generals of the army also have flags, which are hoisted sometimes. The other day the Governor's Island tug left the landing at the Battery, and the flag on her capstan flagstaff, on the blue and white of the flag were two white stars. The major general commanding the Department of the East was on the tug, and the little blue flag signaled the fact to the tug captain that she was a general's tug. To those who didn't know what it meant, it seemed as if the flag was simply the remains of a full-sized American flag, the rest of which had been blown away during its faithful service. The flag gave warning to Governor's Island that the general was coming, and so let them prepare to receive him as regulations prescribe. The blue flag with white stars hoisted at the bow of one of our men-of-war when in port is the jack, and is run up on the jack staff. It is a signal that the vessel is in shipshape. When the ship's wash goes up to dry, the jack comes down, because not even the best of ships is in order with the wash hanging in front of the jack. If the wash is up, and the vessel suddenly has a salute, down comes the wash; because a vessel with its wash up isn't

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TO MAKE THE DEAF HEAR.

An Electrical Invention Which May Mitigate the Misery of Deafness.

William L. Skinner, a St. Louis inventor, has, says the Sun, an electrical invention that promises to make the deaf hear. Mr. Skinner is a civil engineer, but of late he has been devoting his time to inventions. The electrical ear drum is his latest. If Mr. Skinner's invention will do what he claims for it, he has wrought an everlasting benefit to those who are hard of hearing. His ear drum, he says, is so constructed as to be almost invisible after it has been placed in the ear of the wearer. The drum consists of an electrode contact plate and an elastic receiver, designed somewhat on the principle of the telephone, but much more delicate.

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ACTOR HERNE.

Who Is to Preach from Dr. Canfield's Pulpit.

Chicago, May 11.—James A. Herne, the actor, who is to preach from the pulpit of St. Paul's, on the night of Sunday, May 16, is known the country over for his great air and his noble character. He is the actor as the hero of "Hearts of Oak" and "Shore Acres." And his stage appearance and dramatic gifts have made him himself, for in private life he is a philanthropist, with a heart of oak and a brain of iron. Mr. Herne is now nearly 50 years of age, and has been a player for almost 30 years. His first engagement was at Troy, N. Y., and paid him \$1 a week. Later, in the days of the old Halliday Street theater in Baltimore and at Ford's in Washington, his career was varied, and with it the range of his experience.

these letters are mere complaints of fancied slights from out and out cranks, but others are sometimes very enlightening and sensible replies from people high in society and authority, to letters that have called these same forth. Anent the crown versus bonnet discussion that has been going on lately, I read today a very interesting reply from a Royal Duchess who "mediates" a great deal between the better and the throne—giving each a better and kinder idea of the other, than they were wont to have. She says, for instance, that "much as people may wish to behold a 'real live' crown or two displayed in the jubilee procession I think that they can hardly expect to see the venerable sovereign wearing one on her head; as an open carriage necessitates a bonnet. It may be remembered that Her Majesty wore a bonnet for the 1887 celebration, and that no approach to state or evening dress was made by her or the princesses for attending the services in Westminster abbey. The queen could certainly allow a small crown to be arranged on her bonnet in such a way that it might be become quite enough, and also distinguish her from all other mortals on the eventful day; but the weight of this addition to her toilet must be taken into consideration, and it might prove enough to cause her serious inconvenience.

Applied Science. From the Washington Star. "Excuse me for half an hour or so," said a prominent official a few days ago, "while I have a talk with my doctor."

"I thought your doctor was in New York," was the reply. "Oh, yes," the official answered, "he is in New York, but at 2 o'clock every afternoon he comes to the telephone exchange, and I have a talk. It is not convenient for me to run up to New York often, so I report my condition to him every afternoon, the charges, etc., and he in return gives me his advice and prescribes for me through the telephone. When the time comes for him to send the prescription, I simply connect him with what to mix for me as easily as if he had to write it. This long-distance telephone arrangement, when the wisest doctors of its inventors."

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Special Correspondence of The Tribune.

London, April 27.—As I told you in a former letter, the people and newspapers are all jubilee up to a point of funniness, just now, arranging—or rather thinking they are arranging—the celebrations of Procession day. Everybody who can hold a pen, it seems to me, writes to the papers to express his overflowing heart upon the subject nearest his loyal Britishears' hearts at the present time. Some of

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You will be glad to hear of the continued success and progress of John T. Watkins, your townsman. His work in the duet "The Lord is a Man of War," in which he sang at the orchestral concert of the Royal Academy of Music in big Queen's hall last month, was spoken of in the papers as most inspiring. Last night at the evening song service of St. James' church, where Mr. Watkins occupies the position of solo bass artist, he had the great solo "The Trumpet Shall Sound" to sing, which he did in fine style indeed. Mr. Watkins is also engaged to sing the baritone role in Barnaby's "Rebekah" at Bromley next week, and has been asked for some solos in the miscellaneous part of the programme. The church choir, in which Mr. Watkins sings in a baritone, to form part of the choir of men and boys' voices, which will render the jubilee music in St. Paul's cathedral on Jubilee day. From all of these indications, Scranton has reason to be proud indeed of her representative bass-baritone, and to predict success in the great world of music for him is merely stating a certainty soon to be a realized fact.

Sadie E. Kaiser.

Recipe for Starch. For two dresses make one gallon of starch by mixing one cupful of flour with one pint cold water. Pour on this three and one-half quarts boiling water and strain through cheese cloth. Pour half the mixture in a tub containing four gallons warm water. Wash one of the dresses in this, rubbing the fabric the same as if soap were used. Rinse in two clear waters, and hang out to dry, when they will be found to be about as stiff as when new. Sprinkle into an hour or so before being ironed.

A WIFE'S COMPLAINT. How men folks will change, I declared Peleg said, "fore he married me, 'T'd the loveliest shade of hair." "Twas ever his fortune to see; And the nippy said, furthermore, "He believed and he's on a 't'ra, 'Twas the shade that the angels wore, 'There was one what wore it, he knew."

But the shoe's on the other foot! "Sence the honeymoon's gone down; Now he says, clem down to the root, 'I've the burnished hair in town; And he's proud to show it to me, 'That I've got a temper to match; Peleg dearly loves to play 't'row, 'But he don't half enjoy playin' 'catch."

Now when Peleg was courtin' of me, He didn't need very much sleep; He could stand the longest of times, "Ere slumber his eyelids should steep, 'But, oh my! if the baby cries— 'When the dear has the stomach-ache— He'll growl, 'Stop that young one's noise, 'The young brat keeps me awake!"

The Occult Science Quarterly, a Columbia, N. Y., venture, makes its second appearance with its sixteen large pages full of occult literature and pictures. It covers hypnotism, spiritism, telepathy, somnambulism, short stories, telepathy, palmistry, astrology and all the other isms andologies of the occult domain, and undertakes to shed on each the calcium ray of modern science.

The Epit-Lark, being the Lark's last flutter, is at hand, and its clever foolery shows how big a void was created when the Lark decided to soar no more. The Lark was the one "new thing" in our magazine world that did not out-last its welcome. But perhaps it stopped at the right time for its career, as it was, while delicious in their place, could not well be eaten regularly, in lieu of more filling food.

With its issue of May 1 the Chap-Book completed its third year and in celebration of the event issued a supplement filled with the most excellent essays